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It is the charge of the North Louisiana Fly Fishers to afford the general public and its members in particular, a better understanding of Fly Fishing, Fly Tying, and Rod Building. We wish to perpetuate the sport as a most pleasurable and exciting fishing method and provide education, instruction and the opportunities for relaxation to the membership.

**NORTH LOUISIANA FLY FISHERS founded in 1984**

## This Past Month

July was a short month seems like to me. We didn't have a lot of club activities, but I was running the roads. Two quick trips to Kansas, three to Monroe, and a family gathering had me pretty busy. The July meeting featuring Mason Ellenberger was really good. I look forward to having him back sometime. The workshop at Bass Pro also turned out well. There were about 30 people there tying the Stealth Bomber, including several members of the Longview club. We really appreciate having them participate. Our next workshop will be August 15th. We will be teaching basic casting on the grassy area behind Bass Pro Shop. Come by and help teach or brush up your casting. Don't forget August 17th is our Day with Davy Wotton. If you haven't registered yet do it soon.

## Next Meeting:

Tuesday August 13, 2013 at the Red River National Wildlife Refuge, 150 Eagle Bend Point, Bossier City, LA. 7 PM. Come at 6 and bring your tying equipment.

Speaker: Erik Dilts.

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## The North Louisiana Fly Fishers

*Proudly Present*

# *A Day with Davy Wotton*

## *The Art of Wet Fly Fishing*



### Date

Saturday, August 17, 2013  
9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

### Location

Red River National Wildlife Refuge  
Headquarters Unit  
150 Eagle Bend Point  
Bossier City, LA 71112



### Agenda

- The history of wet flies, from United Kingdom origins to present day.
- Tying and fishing wet flies, soft hackles, and spiders.
- Rods, reel, lines and leaders for wet fly fishing.
- Casting techniques for fishing wet flies.

### About Davy

Born in the United Kingdom, Davy Wotton was introduced to fly fishing and fly tying in the 1950s by a schoolmaster. By the 1960s, Davy had already established himself as a professional fly tyer. He has since run successful fly fishing mail order businesses, developed and manufactured fly tying materials and products, worked in television, and produced his own series of fly fishing and fly tying DVDs. Davy is also a competitive fly fisher and has won many national and international events. Davy moved to the U.S. in the 1990s and now resides in the Ozarks of northern Arkansas, where he guides on the White River system and serves as the Managing Director of the American International School of Fly Fishing. Learn more at [www.davywotton.com](http://www.davywotton.com).



### **Cost: \$20 per person**

(includes lunch, coffee, drinks, etc.)

*Space is limited to 50 participants; pre-registration required (see reverse).*

Visit the NLFF website or Facebook page for additional information.

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## FLY FISHING EXPO

SATURDAY, AUGUST 24, 2013

8:30 am – 4 pm

**FREE ADMISSION PUBLIC INVITED FREE ADMISSION**

FLY TYING  
CASTING INSTRUCTION

AUCTIONS/ RAFFLES  
FOOD /REFRESHMENTS

LURE EXHIBITS  
EQUIPMENT DISPLAYS



PPG – PORTER HALL  
2250 BAYOU D'INDE PASS (PRATER ROAD)  
WESTLAKE, LA 70669



Don't miss this if you can help it. Several of our guys will be there tying. It also will be a good way to show our appreciation to the Lake Charles club for the members of Contraband Fly Casters who are coming up to participate in our event, A Day With Davy Wotton.



### ***Fly Of the Month : The Tom Nixon Spinner***

In his landmark book, "Fly Tying and Fly [Fishing for Bass](#) and Panfish", warmwater fly fishing legend Tom Nixon of Lake Charles, LA, details numerous patterns that utilize spinners, and goes into great detail about the different types of blades and their action. Purists may be offended, but spinners on flies is part of the warmwater tradition. "They catch fish", Nixon says, "because of how much action they give with little or no forward motion. The oscillation transmits flashing 'here i am' signals to any and all nearby creatures".

There are two types of spinner flies: inline and offset. The inline flies are easier to cast with light rods and tied on sizes 6-8 can catch a wide variety of fish. While his Mickey Brim and [Feather Duster](#) are classics of their own, this particular pattern emerged in recent years, and has been an absolute killer on bass and crappie. Whatever name Tom gave it has been obsoleted, such a great fly deserves the name of the master who created it!

#### ***Materials:***

- 6 [gauge stainless steel](#) or bright music wire
- #14 brass
- [light weight](#) beads 1/8" in diameter in various colors
- #3 or #4 Indiana spinner blade
- size 6 or 8 Mustad #3366 hook or equal
- chartreuse, white, or black yarn for body
- [copper wire](#) for ribbing
- calf tail or soft hackle in color coordinated to yarn

#### ***Instructions:***

- 1) Cut a section of wire about 3 inches, you need only about half of that, the rest makes it easier to work with.
- 2) Tie the feather or calf tail on the hook as normal.
- 3) Fasten the hook to the wire shaft by forming an eye on the wire. Cinch off the eye with three turns of wire, then trim.
- 4) Tie in thread on the [harness wire](#), tie in the copper wire. Tie in yarn or begin dubbing at the end of the wire near the hook.
- 5) Bring the yarn or dubbing forward up about an inch, then spiral the copper wire forward to that point. Tie off the yarn and copper wire, and secure with knot.
- 6) slide 3 beads down the wire, then the spinner, then a single bead.
- 7) Create an eye on the last segment of the harness wire, by doubling back and wrapping around the shaft 3 times, then trimming. Make sure you leave enough room on the shaft for the beads to slide a little.
- 8) Go fishing.



Want to know if the line that you tie off your boat with is strong enough? If you have absolutely nothing else to do, here's how you can tell. The breaking strength of new manila rope is calculated as 900 lbs. X circumference squared. Working load should never exceed 1/5th the breaking strength. Synthetic lines are stronger than manila so you multiply the circumference squared by a factor ( nylon 2.5, Dacron 2.0, poly 1.4) in your calculation. For ex. a 3/8 nylon line has a breaking strength of 3119 lbs. and a maximum working load of 624 lbs. Work it out and see what your lines will hold.

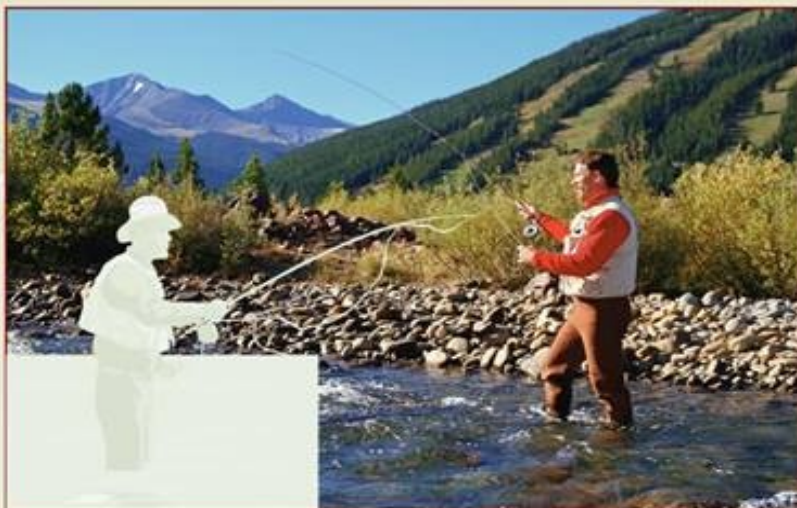




Turn out for our workshops at Bass Pro just keeps getting better. We had about 30 people present for our July class. I would like to thank the East Texas Fly Fishers for being there for the second month in a row. We also had several participants that are not club members there. Hopefully they will be back for other workshops and maybe start attending club meetings. I would also like to thank Frank for taking the time to cut out the foam bodies we used tying Stealth Bombers.







# **Free Workshop**

## **“Fly Casting Techniques”**

(Hands-on-Workshop)

***When:*** Thursday, August 15, 2013

***Time:*** 6:00pm to 7:30pm

***Where:*** Bass Pro Shops,  
Grassy Area (behind the store)  
100 Bass Pro Drive, Bossier City, LA

***Hosted by: 6-8 Members/Instructors of the  
North Louisiana Fly Fishers***

**Equipment Provided**

## **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

August 13th: Regular monthly meeting. Start at 7 PM, be there at 6 PM for fly tying.

August 15th: Workshop at Bass Pro. Starts at 6 PM. See page 6 for details.

August 17th: A Day with Davy Wotton. See page 2 for information.

August 24th: Contraband Flycasters Fly Fishing Expo. See page 3 for details.

September 28th: National Hunting and Fishing Day at Bodcau Wildlife Management Area.

Oct. 3rd-5th: Southern Council Conclave at Baxter County Fairgrounds, Mountain Home AR.



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